

REMARKS

Double Patenting

In the Office Action mailed November 7, 2004, claims 1 - 3, 6 - 7, 8 and 10-14 were provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-2, 9, 11-12 and 14-18 of copending Application No. 10/963,332, over claims 1-4, 10-12 and 14 - 17 of copending Application No. 10/691,391 and over claims 1-2, 4, 7-9, 11 and 14-19 of copending Application No. 10/613,864.

In view of the availability of terminal disclaimer practice, applicants agree to file a terminal disclaimer upon indication of allowable subject matter.

Statement of Common Ownership

At the time the invention was made in the present application, Serial No. 10/613,792, all the inventors were employees of and under obligation to assign the rights of their inventions to Unilever Home and Personal Care USA, a Division of Conopco, Inc which also at the time of the invention owned the Patent Application 10/075,745 (Sorojini et al US Patent Application Publication 2003/0154562 A1).

Attached separately are copies of the assignments on file with the Office for the above applications. Please also note that Padmaja Prem and Padmaja Sarojini is the same person.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

In the Office Action mailed November 7, 2005, claims 1, 3-5, 8-10 and 15 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sarojini et al (US2003/0154562 A1). Claims 6-7 and 11-14 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sarojini et al (US2003/0154562 A1) in view of Dias (US 6,540,791 B1).

In view of the above statement of *Common Ownership*, applicants respectfully request that Sarojini et al (US2003/0154562 A1) be disqualified as a prior art reference under 35 USC §103(c) and that the application be allowed to issue.

If a telephone conversation would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned agent invites the Examiner to telephone him at the number provided.

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